

Battle Ground Town Council

Meeting Minutes, August 23, 2021

Attending: Council Vice President Matt Coppock, Councilors Steve Hahn, Greg Jones, Mary Jo Totten. James Miller was absent. Clerk Treasurer Georgia Jones.

Guests: Joe Kline and Bill Jones

Matt Coppock called to order at 6:02 p.m. and there were no additions to the agenda

Budget review, 2022 Revenue and Expenses

Georgia Jones presented estimates for expense and capital projects budget lines. Bill Jones reviewed the 18-month profile of anticipated revenue. A completed budget will be available in Gateway by August 31, and the public hearing for budget concerns is September 13.

American Rescue Plan

The Town of Battle Ground may be a recipient of federal funds according to provisions in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The application must be completed by August 31. James Miller has signed the required documents and the council must approve an ordinance to create a fund for the grant, and a resolution guiding the use of funds once received.

Motion by Mary Jo Totten to adopt Resolution 21-116 A Resolution of Battle Ground Town Council Adopting a Plan for Distribution of the Proceeds of the Town's Grant from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Second of Steve Hahn, motion carried by roll call vote with 4 aye, 0 nay and one absent.

Motion by Mary Jo Totten to adopt Ordinance 2021-598 An Ordinance of the Town Council of Battle Ground, Indiana, Establishing the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund 176). Second of Greg Jones, motion carried by roll call vote with 4 aye, 0 nay and one absent.

Motion by Greg Jones to suspend the rules and hear the ordinance on second reading. Second of Steve Hahn, motion carried by roll call vote with 4 aye, 0 nay and one absent.

Motion by Mary Jo Totten to approve on second reading, Ordinance 2021-598 creating Fund 176 and associated responsibilities of the ARP Act. Second of Greg Jones, motion carried by roll call vote with 4 aye, 0 nay and one absent.

Area Plan Zoning Ordinance

Greg Jones reviewed the items covered in two recent additions to the Unified Zoning Ordinance, one of which prohibits the using shipping container boxes for permanent storage on residential property. Temporary storage containers may be used for limited times during construction or for moving.

Motion by Greg Jones to adopt Ordinance 2021-597 UZO Amendment #101. Second of Steve Hahn, motion carried by roll call vote, 4 aye, 0 nay, one absent.

Motion by Greg Jones to adopt Ordinance 2021-596 UZO Amendment #100A. Second of Steve Hahn, motion carried by roll call vote, 4 aye, 0 nay, and one absent.

In discussion, Greg shared that the request by Quick Trips for a sign variance was unlikely to pass at the Area Plan hearing. Sight lines at the I-65/SR 43 Intersection are not favorable even at the 100' height requested. The preferred option is to use space on interstate roadside informational signs, which the developer has recently become aware would be available.

There was conversation about the current storm water project on Main Street, and explanation of the remaining project timeline. Work is anticipated complete by September 3.

Motion to adjourn 7:10 p.m. by Mary Jo Totten. Second of Greg Jones.

Georgia Jones, Clerk Treasurer

Matt Coppock, Council Vice President